

Mr. Rascoe began his career in public service as a social worker within the Bertie County Department of Social Services. While there, he worked to improve the quality of life for families in his eastern North Carolina community. Mr. Rascoe's exemplary 10-year service helped promote him to the position of Director of the Department of Social Services. Remarkably, during his tenure at the helm Mr. Rascoe was also appointed as Assistant County Manager of Bertie County, a position which he held simultaneously while he led the Department of Social Services.

After nine years, Mr. Rascoe was promoted to interim County Manager. In this role, Mr. Rascoe continued to display exceptional character and due diligence. In 2012, the Bertie Board of Commissioners confirmed Mr. Rascoe as the County Manager.

As Secretary of the Choanoke Area Development Association Board, past Chair of the Choanoke Public Transportation Authority Board, Commissioner of the State Personnel Commission Board, and Parliamentarian of the Workforce Development Board, Mr. Rascoe continues his commitment to the community. Mr. Rascoe was inducted into the North Carolina Community Actions Hall of Fame and was also named a NAACP Outstanding Citizen by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mr. Speaker, next month Mr. Rascoe will retire from public service. For 36 years, the people of North Carolina have been fortunate to call him a friend and ally. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Rascoe on his retirement, and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service to the people of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF INDIANA GOVERNOR
OTIS "DOC" BOWEN

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Indiana Governor Otis "Doc" Bowen, who passed away on the evening of Saturday, May 4, 2013.

I remember Doc Bowen as one of the first "former" public figures I met on the campaign trail, running for the third highest office in the Hoosier state, Indiana's Secretary of State, as a 30-year-old. In my mind, he always embraced my words when he was in the audience, although now I am sure that was just Doc trying to encourage one of the young guys in the party. He knew the struggles, not just of Indiana, but of Indiana Republicans, in particular.

While I was Secretary of State, he regularly dropped by my office when visiting the Statehouse, "to check on the young guy." I so greatly appreciated learning from him.

One of hardest conversations I have ever had in politics was with Governor Bowen. He was pitching a candidate for Governor and I had earlier decided to support a different man. Doc Bowen made it very difficult for me that day. He did it, not with threats and guilt trips that are all-too-often the norm in politics, but with honesty and class. It would be a high achievement in our politics today if those in the statehouse and Washington even pre-

tended to emulate the ways of Doc Bowen. All in public life would do well to follow his example.

Doc Bowen was a model public servant who dedicated his life to serving Hoosiers, and our State is stronger because of it. I join Hoosiers from across the State in giving thanks for his life and his service.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY ROTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Cindy Roth is one of these individuals. On May 9, 2013, Cindy will be honored with the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award for her service as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy's relationship with the Chamber began through a work experience program after working under then-Senator Bob Presley out of high school. She later worked for the Chamber as a receptionist while attending Riverside Community College. Soon, she was taken under the wing of the Chamber's former President and Riverside City Councilman, Art Pick. When Pick died in 1999, the selection committee selected Cindy as President.

Under Cindy's leadership, the Chamber has actively promoted and supported the community, fostered growth among its members and engaged federal, state and local representatives to become the third largest Chamber in southern California and the eighth largest in the state. It is currently composed of over 1,300 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals. Following in the footsteps of her predecessor, she has also reached out to women business owners and encouraged them to get involved in the local economy.

Cindy's dedication is not only to local business, but also to the wider community. She serves with numerous organizations, including the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, the Science and Technology Education Partnership, the Raincross Exchange Club, the Foundation Board of Trustees for La Sierra University, and the Honorary Commanders of March Field. She has received the 1996 Community Service Award from the Rotary Club of Arlington, the 2000 Athena of the Inland Valleys Award, and was previously honored as the 2003 Woman of the Year by Assemblyman John Benoit.

I have come to know Cindy well through many years working together on a variety of projects in Riverside, and it has been an honor to work with her on behalf of the community. I can personally attest to Cindy's incredible work-ethic, professionalism and positive attitude. Throughout her career, Cindy has been supported by her husband, California State Senator Gen. Richard Roth, USAF and her daughter, an alumnus of the University of California, Riverside.

In light of all Cindy has done for Riverside, the Mission Inn Foundation will honor her with the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Cindy's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside County. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING CHANCELLOR ROBERT
J. BIRGENEAU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Robert J. Birgeneau as he steps down from nearly a decade of service to the University of California, Berkeley as chancellor. Chancellor Birgeneau's transformative leadership at UC Berkeley has added tremendously to its role as the world's premier public research and teaching university. Therefore, I join our community in celebrating the many ways in which his tenure has contributed to the success, insight, and well-being of countless people throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

Tasked with the challenge of guiding UC Berkeley through one of the most challenging financial periods in its 145-year history, Chancellor Birgeneau worked to ensure that the school's hallmark qualities of inclusion and excellence continued to thrive. His tenure oversaw a breadth of achievement, including three Nobel Prizes and the dream of financial aid for undocumented California students.

An internationally distinguished physicist who was the first in his family to graduate from high school, Chancellor Birgeneau was appointed as UC Berkeley's ninth chancellor in 2004. Since then, he has launched the largest fundraising campaign in UC Berkeley's history—raising more than \$2.4 billion to date. He helped create one of academia's first 10-year strategic plans for a Division of Equity & Inclusion and fostered multidisciplinary campus connections to work on pressing social issues, resulting in the Berkeley Energy and Climate Institute; the Energy Biosciences Institute; the Li Ka Shing Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences; and the Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies.

Additionally, Chancellor Birgeneau's tireless advocacy played a leadership role in the successful passage of the California DREAM Act. A vocal proponent for fair access to public higher education amidst difficult state funding cuts and rising tuition, Chancellor Birgeneau championed Pell Grants and put in place a groundbreaking financial aid plan for middle-income families. He also took up the cause of students who are former foster children, and upon winning the 2008 Academic Leadership Award from the Carnegie Corporation, gave \$50,000 of his prize to seed an endowment fund for UC Berkeley students from the foster care system.

Chancellor Birgeneau's numerous accolades and associations include the 2009 Pathfinders